

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

RE: Nursing Home Administrator License of  <b>DEANNA KAHLER</b> License No. 002699 Respondent	CASE NO. 22-0270  <b>COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER</b>
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**COME NOW** the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators (“Board”) and Ms. Deanna Kahler (“Respondent”) of Elgin, Iowa and enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order (“Order”) pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (“IAC”) 12.1. The Board has the authority to take disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code sections 147.55 and 272C.3, and 645 IAC chapter 144.

**A. STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

1. Respondent is charged with misappropriation of resident funds or facility funds, in violation of 645 IAC 144.2(11).

**B. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

2. Respondent holds Iowa license number 002699 to practice nursing home administration, which is currently active and expires on December 31, 2023.

3. Respondent served as a nursing home administrator for Hillcrest Living Campus in Sumner, Iowa. As the administrator, Respondent was responsible for the day-to-day operation of Hillcrest Living Campus and for ensuring that the facility was operated in compliance with all state and federal laws governing it. Respondent was also responsible for ensuring that the highest degree of quality care practicable was delivered to residents.

4. While serving as a nursing home administrator, Respondent used a facility credit card for personal purchases unrelated to the facility.

**C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

5. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

6. Respondent acknowledges that the allegations in the Factual Circumstances and Statement of Charges, if proven in a contested case hearing, would constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Order. Respondent acknowledges that the factual circumstances are now public and available for inspection and copying in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

7. Execution of this Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case. Respondent has a right to a hearing before the Board on the charges, but Respondent waives the right to a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal or seek judicial review of the Board's action, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. Once entered, this Order shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.

8. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel on this matter.

9. This Order is subject to approval by a majority of the full Board. If the Board does not approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party and shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter. If the Board approves this Order, it shall be the full and final resolution of this matter.

10. This Order shall be part of Respondent's permanent record and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations. This Order shall not be binding as to any new complaints received by the Board.

11. Respondent understands the Board is required by federal law to report any adverse action to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

12. This Order, when fully executed, is a public record and is available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

13. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

14. Respondent is **CITED** for misappropriation of resident funds or facility funds and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.

15. Respondent shall be assessed a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of **\$500**. Respondent shall pay the civil penalty within **THIRTY DAYS** from the date this Order is accepted by the Board.

16. Within **SIX MONTHS** from the date this Order is accepted by the Board, Respondent shall provide the Board with proof of completion of the Professional Boundaries, Inc./PBI Education Medical Ethics and Professionalism (ME-15) one-day course. Information about the course can be found at: <https://pbieducation.com/courses/me-15/>. These continuing education hours are in addition to the hours required for license renewal and cannot be used to satisfy the continuing education requirement of any license renewal.

17. Respondent shall also provide proof of completion of at least **SIX** additional hours of continuing education related to nursing home administration ethics and/or financial administration and oversight within **ONE YEAR** from the date this Order is accepted by the Board. These hours are in addition to the course listed above in paragraph 16. These hours shall not count toward Respondent's continuing education renewal requirements, either.

18. Respondent shall notify any current and/or prospective employers, including direct supervisors, of the terms and conditions of this Order within **THIRTY DAYS** from the date this Order is accepted by the board. Respondent shall notify prospective employers no later than at the time of an employment interview. If Respondent acts as a consultant or otherwise provides professional advice for nursing facilities or residential care facilities, she shall notify all current and prospective nursing facility or residential care facility clients of this Order, too. Respondent shall continue notifying current and prospective employers and current and prospective consultant clients as described in this paragraph for **ONE YEAR** from the date this Order is accepted by the Board.

19. The civil penalty, notifications, and reports required to be submitted to the Board pursuant to this Order should be mailed to the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Bureau of Professional Licensure, IDPH, Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or emailed to [PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov). The civil penalty shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Iowa and will be deposited into the State of Iowa general fund.

20. Respondent assumes the responsibility for all expenses incurred to comply with the conditions and requirements imposed by this Order.

21. Should Respondent violate the terms of this Order, the Board may initiate action to impose other licensee discipline as authorized by Iowa Code chapters 147, 155, and 272C and 645 IAC chapters 13 and 144.

**This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for its consideration on the 4 day of January, 2023.**

  
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DEANNA KAHLER

Respondent

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administration on January 12, 2023.

/s/ Jessica O'Brien  
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Jessica O'Brien, Board Executive

Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administration

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